

CLAIMS

1. A method of deactivating an allergen, the method comprising dispersing into an airspace an allergen-
5 deactivating amount of an allergen-deactivating compound (hereinafter the "deactivant"), the deactivant being provided in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion comprising at least 8% of a deactivant (wt. deactivant/wt. emulsion), and being dispersed into the airspace as a
10 vapour.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the deactivant is dispersed into the airspace over an extended period.
- 15 3. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the dispersal is aided by heat applied to the emulsion.
4. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the deactivant is selected from:
20 a terpene hydrocarbon;
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
25 oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot;
oil of lemon grass;
or a component thereof.
- 30 5. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the deactivant comprises a terpene hydrocarbon.

6. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the deactivant comprises β -pinene.
7. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein
5 the deactivant comprises orange oil or a component thereof.
8. The use of an oil-in-water emulsion in deactivating an allergen at a locus, the emulsion comprising an allergen
10 deactivant present in a concentration of 10-15% wt./wt. of emulsion, a heat source being used to accelerate the vaporization of the deactivant.
9. An allergen-deactivating oil-in-water emulsion
15 comprising at least 8% of a volatile deactivant (wt. deactivant/wt. emulsion), wherein the deactivant is selected from:
- a terpene hydrocarbon;
 - 20 a citrus oil;
 - a mint oil;
 - bois de rose oil;
 - oil of jasmine;
 - frankincense;
 - 25 oil of bergamot;
 - oil of lemon grass;
 - or a component thereof.
10. A method substantially as hereinbefore described with
30 particular reference to the accompanying examples.